



**MIXED CHARITY
CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT
2023!**

Queen Bees held a mixed Christmas charity tournament on the 18th December at the University of Nottingham Campus. There was a great turnout and each player was selected a Christmas themed team at random (Reindeer, Mince Pies, Elves, Santas and Christmas Trees). Everyone was ready to battle it out for first place!

Whilst some men knew the rules, the remainder had to learn very quickly with excellent umpiring guidance!

There was some fantastic and fast netball played over the two hour session and Santas picked up the winning trophy! Thank you to everyone involved and to the umpires without whom, we wouldn't have been able to play.

Special thanks go to Carly for organising the fixtures schedule and the teams, Sarah for arranging the silent auction and raising funds for the venue and to everyone else who helped, baked or came to play and umpire.



We are grateful to everyone who supported, played and donated to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. We raised a whopping £803.90!



CONGRATULATIONS



**Georgia
Joe
Bev
Caren**



**Carla
Matt
Annie R
Ethan**

REINDEERS



**Burgin
Henry
Lucy
Tindy
Sarah A**

**Laura C
Chris
Sarah S
Rob**

RUNNERS UP





Top: Action shot of Reindeers vs Christmas Trees
Middle Left: Umpires - Wendy, Titch, Goose, Carly, Emma, Sian, Tindy
Middle Right: Mince Pies
Bottom Left: Christmas Trees
Bottom Right: Elves

TEAM NEWS

Golds have started the season strongly with 8 wins, 6 losses and 1 draw putting the team in 5th place out of 10.

Currently on 49 points and only behind 4th by goal difference. Golds have had great team spirit and fight with some brilliant comebacks. "It's has been great watching the team gel together and understanding each other's play. The MVPs have been split across the team with every member picking up at least one MVP since September. Golds are aiming for a top 3 spot in the New Year." - Hannah (Captain)

GOLDS



YELLOWS

It is half way through the season and Yellows are currently 5th out of 12!

"Our aim for the end of the season was to finish 6th, we are so pleased to be well on the way to that already! Yellows started with a tough game against Mollbuzzers, we were only three goals behind when unfortunately we lost Carla due to injury. We are working out what combinations work best and I am proud that we have conceded the least amount of goals, reflecting a fantastic strong defensive unit. I am really looking forward to seeing Yellows step up against the tougher teams in the next half of the season and I know we have what it takes to reach our aim!" - Emma (Captain)



The newly formed Stripes team have had a strong start to the league. Stripes are currently holding 3rd place with only one point away from being 2nd!

Stripes are a mix of new and former Bees who have developed a strong bond cementing good relationships on court. Annie has been Captain so far this season with Sarah as Vice. Sarah will now take over the Captain role with the support of Nat and Annie. "Both Annie and Ella have been amazing mentors, giving strong advice each week. I would like to thank them for helping us all become more confident on court." - Sarah (Captain)

STRIPES



BUZZERS

Buzzers have had a brilliant start to the season and so far are unbeaten in the last 6 matches! Currently 5th in the table, Buzzers are pushing for that 4th spot each week.

"It's safe to say that we are coming together well as a team, seeing play improve more each week. It has been amazing to have Lucy back with us after some time out with a broken finger. She is always a pivotal player mid-court, as well as a great support from the sidelines. Katie and Amy M have won many MVP votes this season and I am excited to see where the rest of the season takes us. We go from strength to strength each week and it's always a pleasure to play for Buzzers!" - Laura (Captain)



"Blacks joined the Friesland league this season after a few years away. In the past, we've found this league very difficult and have struggled to win a match.

We now have three wins under our belt, our proudest win so far was against NTU mixed team. We are currently sitting in 8th place, half-way through the season. We've had some very tight matches and are improving week by week with a variety of MVPs votes. We are keen to move up the table and win more games in the second half of the season." - Carly (Captain)

BLACKS





FUNDRAISING UPDATE BY SARAH



This is my first year with the club and I'm loving being part of the bees community. My focus on the committee has been to source funding for the club and I am pleased we have had a positive start to the year.

We are continuing to grow on Easyfundraising and the current pot is at £113.21! Thank you to everyone who has joined so far, the more who register and use the cash back site the more money the bees will receive. Please share with family and friends!

I'm excited to share that we have been awarded a Tesco Grant and will be in the token box draw in our local Ilkeston, Alton Manor Belper, West Hallam express, Codnor express and Eastwood stores. Please ask family and friends to grab tokens and vote for Queen Bees! Regardless of where we come, we will be awarded a minimum of £500 but could get up to £1500!

Our main sponsors are the Cat & Fiddle and Henrys Simms Letting Agents for the 2023/2024 season. We will be looking for more sponsors for the 2024/2025 season soon, so if anyone has any contacts please get in contact, thank you!



Queen Bees Shout Out

A huge shout out to our fabulous shooters from Buzzers!

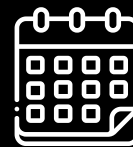
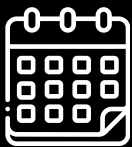


Katie braved the shave in October with a few of her friends to raise money for the Children's Air Ambulance! They raised over £1500!



Amy completed the BIG WINTER WORKOUT for Crohn's & Colitis UK, raising over £150

DIARY DATES



01/03/24

Bingo Night

11/03/24

Women's International Day @ The Cat & Fiddle

25/03/24

Easter Tournament

14/04/24

Bees Social Hike

28/04/24

Players Tournament

3rd - 5th May

Condoval Hall - Netball Weekend

22/06/24

Mixed Charity Tournament

NEW FOR 2024!

We have been working behind the scenes on our new website, which is now LIVE!

Showcasing our quarterly newsletter, blogs detailing everything Bees get up to and much more! Make sure to check it out and share!

www.queenbeesnetballclub.co.uk

BEE SOCIAL

Bees know how to PARTY!



As we approached the end of another fabulous netball year, the Queen Bees hosted another Christmas Social. The night commenced with a Bottomless Brunch at The Lion in Brinsley, followed by a night of dancing with Ibiza legends at Regal Nightclub in Ripley!



ENGLAND ROSES!

On Sunday 10th December, Bees headed to the Motorpoint Arena, Nottingham to watch the England Roses play the South African Proteas in a nail biting final test match.



The full arena provided a great atmosphere and the match had everyone on the edge of their seats! The match was very tense at times but the Roses held onto the lead and won the series! Bees had a blast and it was great to have the opportunity to go together as a club. We are looking forward to the next time we get to see them play!

